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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITS THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION

Draft report

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Chapter

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its thirty-eighth session at United Nations Headquarters from 7 to 18 March 1994. The Commission held ... meetings.
2. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development. In his statement he emphasized the importance of the thirty-eighth session of the Commission and the preparations for the Conference in Beijing for sustainable development as well as for the implementation of Agenda 21, 1/ and the achievement of the goals of the forthcoming World Summit for Social Development. He also addressed the role of women in development as both agents and beneficiaries, as well as the interrelationship of sustainable development with social issues, environment and the participation of women in society. He further stressed the negative

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

consequences of prevailing gender inequality, poverty, violence against women, women's unpaid labour in the household, and lack of equal access to education, resources and decision-making for the harmonious development of societies.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of ... States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex ____ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

4. At the 1st and 6th meetings, on 7 and 9 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson: Patricia Licuanan (Philippines)

Vice-Chairpersons: Natalia Drozd (Belarus)
Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl (Austria)
Olga Pellicer (Mexico)

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D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At the 1st meeting, on 7 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document E/CN.6/1994/1, as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Programming and coordination matters related to the United Nations and the United Nations system.
4. Monitoring the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.
5. Priority themes:
 - (a) Equality: Equal pay for work of equal value, including methodologies for measurement of pay inequities and work in the informal sector;

(b) Development: Women in urban areas: population, nutrition and health factors for women in development, including migration, drug consumption and acquired immune deficiency syndrome;

(c) Peace: Measures to eradicate violence against women in the family and society.

6. Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace.*

7. Provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission.

8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-eighth session.

6. Also at the 1st meeting, the Commission approved the proposed organization of work for the session (E/CN.6/1994/L.2).

7. At the 7th meeting, on 10 March, the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, Olga Pellicer (Mexico), was appointed Chairperson of the Informal Working Group of the Whole on Preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women.

E. Appointment of the members of the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women

8. At its 1st meeting, on 7 March, the Commission decided to establish a Working Group to consider, under agenda item 4, communications regarding the status of women, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27. The following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed:

Feng Cui (China)
Ana Maria Luetzgen (Cuba)
Tomova Oksana (Slovakia)
Khadiga Karar (Sudan)
Sharon Kotok (United States of America)

F. Consultations with non-governmental organizations

9. Written statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/5975/Rev.1) are listed in annex ____ to the present report.

* In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/12, the Commission is acting as the preparatory body for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace.